

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A male portion for percussive rock drilling includes sections of reduced cross-sectional area. At least one thread for percussive rock drilling is provided at an end of the male portion. The end of the male portion 5 comprises an abutment surface for the transfer of impact waves. The length of the portion is defined as the length of an imaginary cylinder from a plane of the impact surface to a point where the plane ceases to contact a crest of the thread, wherein the length divided by the external diameter of the cylinder lies within a range of 1-2.